

NEW CONSERVATION STATUS FOR ANOMALOPUS PLUTO (SCINCIDAE). *Memoirs of the Queensland Museum* 37(1):120, 1994 :- Recently (17 May 1994) the authors collected three specimens of *Anomalopus pluto* on the Glennie Tableland (13°27'S 142°58'E), FNQ.

Two were found at 260m, under sandstone slabs on a narrow, flat sandstone ridge, in dark sandy loam and humus. This is an area of dense shrubland with low, windswept trees. The third (collected 18 May, 1994) was found under a rotting log in a patch of monsoon vine forest in the same soil, at the same altitude. These specimens were photographed and released. Copies of the photographs have been lodged in the Queensland Museum photographic index (NP 79-83).

These specimens extend the range of this species almost 200km south. Couper (1992) reviewed the range and status of *A. pluto* following its collection in the Heathlands area (11°45' 142°35'). He treated it as a '2K' species under the conservation status definitions used by McDonald et al., 1991. That is, as a species '... with a very restricted distribution ... and with a maximum geographic distribution of less than 100km ...'; poorly known ... accurate field distribution information ... inadequate'.

Discovery of *A. pluto* on the Glennie Tableland changes its conservation status to '3K': '... with a range greater than 100km ... but occurring in small populations which are mainly restricted to highly specific habitats; poorly known ...'.

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NEW DATA ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PYGOPUS LEPIDOPODUS (PYGOPODIDAE). *Memoirs of the Queensland Museum* 37(1):120, 1994:- That *Pygopus lepidopodus* occurred north of the Yeppoon area, MEQ (23°08'S 150°44'E) was unknown until 1991. Ingram & Raven (1991) noted its occurrence at Yungaburra (QMJ3899, 17°16'S 145°35'E) and Shipton's Flat (QMJ47145, 15°48'S 145°15'E), NEQ.

Two more specimens have been recorded recently, on northern Cape York Peninsula: QMJ57778, Heathlands, 11°44'S 142°32'E, FNEQ, B. Lyon, M. Cohen; QMJ58986, 11km NE Heathlands Ranger Station, at 150m, 11°41'S, 142°39'E, FNEQ, P.J. Lethbridge, T.A. Hawkes.

This is a northern extension of the range of this species by 600km. Both Heathlands specimens were found in low heath with sclerophyll emergents on sand.

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